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RESTRUCTURING OF CAPART
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established the Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) Organisation under the Ministry of Rural Development in 1986;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for re-engineering and repositioning of CAPART in the context of changed national and international scenario;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) was established in 1986 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 by merging People`s Action for Development (India)(PADI) and Council for Advancement of Rural Technology (CART). The objectives of the society for which it was formed inter alia include objectives to promote voluntary action for enhancement of rural prosperity, injection of new technological inputs, act as national nodal point for dissemination of rural technologies, aim at transfer of appropriate rural technologies to various public and private bodies, promote and coordinate projects aimed at all round development in the rural sector, create employment opportunities, promote self-reliance and improvement in the quality of life of the people in the rural areas.

(c) to (e) In the context of changed national and international scenario, CAPART, in order to introduce re-engineering and repositioning of the organization, had held 12 interactive sessions with NGOs working in rural areas from various parts of India including those from National Standing Committees, Regional Committees, Governing Body and Executive Body of CAPART towards the end of the year 2004. These interactive sessions culminated in a National Brainstorming meeting held on 28.12.2004 under the chairmanship of Hon`ble Minister for Rural Development and President, CAPART. Based on the deliberations at this interactive session as well as at the National Brainstorming meeting, CAPART`s various procedures, methodology, reclassification of schemes, methods to promote greater transparency in the working, revised sets of objectives etc. were prepared and discussed in the Executive Committee and General Body of CAPART during their meetings held in 2005. Based on the deliberations at these meetings, the revised Guidelines of CAPART will be deliberated at the forthcoming meetings of the National Standing Committees of CAPART. The deliberations at these National Standing Committees on the revised Guidelines of CAPART will be submitted before the Executive Committee for finalization.